

Step by Step Instructions for Preparing for College Part Two

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This is Part Two of an ongoing series organized by Lisa Holland. Students and parents are encouraged to save each issue to ensure proper student preparation for college.

Why Go To College?

Planning for college takes time, some important decisions, and taking inventory of your personal goals and interests.

There's so much to consider when getting ready for college: where to go, what to study, how to apply, how to pay for it all, and more.

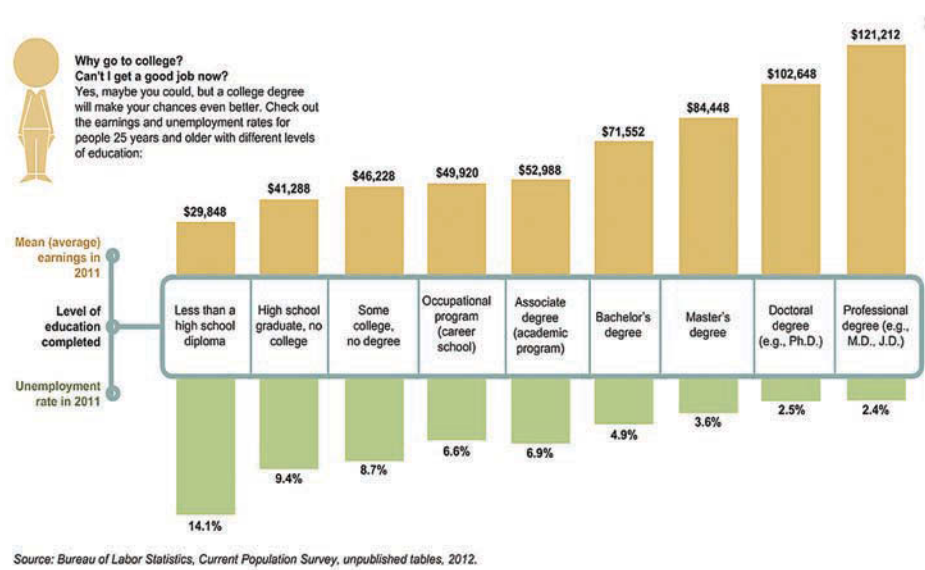
It's never too early - or too late to explore your options for college or careers. We'll walk through some key steps in preparing for college and provide resources that can help you along the way. Take the time to research and

understand your options.

Here's a simple equation: a college or career school education = more money, more job options, and more freedom.

As you'll see from the chart below, as you get more education, you'll make more money and have more job opportunities.

A college education is a long-term investment. With careful planning you can find the school and funding options that work best for your situation and put you on the path to success.



Beginning a College Planning Portfolio: Taking an Interest Survey

Student Info:

One of the best ways to begin preparing for college is to make a plan. However, before starting your plan, it is advisable to learn more about yourself. Career searches and interest and skills surveys will give you a head start. The State of Mississippi subscribes to a website giving state students free access to these materials. This site allows students to build a personal profile and search for their own best choices. This website is:

www.ms.bridges.com

- Browse to this address
- Under Student Sign In - click [Create a new Portfolio](#)
- Select from the first county drop-down menu "Grenada"
- From the school or site drop-down menu select Grenada High School or Grenada Junior High School
- Fill out the rest of the form
- When the form is complete

Click [Create your portfolio](#) at the bottom of the page

- After your portfolio access is completed, access the home/welcome page (<https://access.bridges.com/choices/Display Home. do>)
- Under the Work Category click on [Interest Profiler](#) for the first questionnaire to help you begin your portfolio.
- Take the Interest Survey to learn more about your personal interests.

Parent Info:

Help your son/daughter by expressing interest in the building of their college planning portfolio.

- Continue or begin a savings plan Check out the Mississippi Affordable Savings Program. The tax advantages can make the process more affordable and part of your overall funding strategy. <https://www.ms529.com>

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GUES Veteran's Day Celebration

(Photo right) Drake Carmical, Keith Jewell, and John Conner Dickson wave flags as they participate in the annual GUES Veteran's Day Parade.



(Photo left) Pizzazz members (l to r) Lauren Dungan, Sunny Logan, Rachel Woods, Gracie Paolette, and Ashlyn Boclear sing as part of the Veteran's Day celebration.



Sgt. Jarron McKinley takes time to examine the "thank you" displays created by the GUES students.



Mia Jackson shows her support by creating a patriotic red, white, and blue poster.



Ethan Hokett, Adam Graves, and Lane Goss, supported the Veterans by creating posters.



(l to r) Takya Miller, and Lexi Taylor watch the parade.

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